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1. The Comitetul Cultura Fizica si Sport, whose Bucharest headquarters are in Strada Vasile Conta, is no longer a central organization for the local sports associations, but now consists of a series of separate committees for each branch of athletics. There is now a Fencing Committee, for instance, in place of the former association, uniting the various local fencing clubs. The president of the organization is Gh. Vidrascu, and the general secretary is Marcel Vlaicu. The two vice presidents are Manole Bodnaras and A. Vaida. Athletic training is directed by Samuel Baranyi and Baciu is in charge of the Cadre. Mass sports are directed by Balazs Also, and the director of foreign relations is Egon Horn. The organization has two Russian advisors.
2. The GMA - Gata Pentru Munca si Aparare ("Preparedness for Word and Defense") is a mass organization for all workers, men and women, from 16 to 60. Its head office is also in Strada Vasile Conta. FGMA - Fi Gata Pentru Munca si Aparare ("Prepare Yourself for Work and Defense") is for boys and girls from 12 to 16 years old. GMA and FGMA together have over two and one-half million members in factories, offices and schools, all of whom are receiving systematic and disciplined athletic and para-military training. The two organizations are supervised by the Comitetul Cultura Fizica si Sport, which is under the Ministerial Council. The organization is built up under similar lines to the CTO in the USSR and the MHK - Munkara es Harcra Kesz ("Prepare for Labor and Defense") in Hungary.
3. Before 1952 there were two grades of proficiency within the organization; now it is believed that there are three grades. To reach the upper grade, every member must pass seven tests. The first of these is ideological; others are designed to encourage speed, suppleness and strength. The obstacle races included in these tests take in swimming, grenade throwing and the use of the bayonet. There are norms for achievement in all branches of athletics for different age groups of men and women.

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